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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO DONORS ON ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

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1. AMBASSADOR AND DCM 1:00 PM LOCAL 25 DECEMBER CALLED ON MUGABE AND PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION SECRETARY RUGARE GUMBO AT KILIMANJARO HOTEL TO ORALLY INFORM THEM OF APPROPRIATE PORTIONS REFTELS. MUGABE WAS SOMEWHAT IRASCIBLE AT FIRST, REACTING NEGATIVELY TO OUR INABILITY TO PROVIDE HIM WITH WRITTEN TEXT. HE CITED HIS PAST DIFFICULTIES WITH "KISSINGER PLAN" WHICH HE SAID OTHERS HAD RECEIVED IN WRITING BUT HE HAD NOT. AFTER REGISTERING THIS OBJECTION "IN PRINCIPLE" MUGABE LISTENED CLOSELY TO DESCRIPTION OF PLAN WHILE GUMBO TOOK DETAILED NOTES.

2. MUGABE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF HE WOULD BE IN POSITION GIVE PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO US IDEAS WHILE HE WAS STILL IN DAR. AUTHORITATIVE REPLY WOULD IN ANY CASE HAVE TO AWAIT DISCUSSION BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER HIS RETURN TO MAPUTO, DATE OF WHICH NOT YET FIXED. WE  
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SENSED MUGABE WAS AT LEAST MILDLY PLEASED BY BEING INFORMED OF US THINKING AT THIS EARLY STAGE. HE SEEMED LIKE EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL AID WOULD GO TO AND BE CONTROLLED BY NEW INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE GOVERNMENT. HE ENDED BY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THIS MATTER WITH US AND INDICATED HE WOULD PRESENT HIS RETURN IDEAS PRIVATELY

ALSO.

3. WE HAD BECOME AWARE OF MUGABE'S PRESENCE IN DAR THROUGH PUBLICATIO  
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IN DECEMBER 25 DAILY NEWS OF PRESS CONFERENCE HE HELD PREVIOUS DAY.  
(FULL TEXT BEING SENT SEPTTEL.) DAILY NEWS STORY HAD HIM TOTALLY  
REJECTING FOUR WAYS IVOR RICHARD SUPPOSED TO HAVE SUGGESTED  
FOR HANDLING DEFENSE AND LAW AND ORDER DURING TRANSITION.  
WHILE MUGABE SAID NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT WAS GENERALLY ACCURATE, HE  
CAREFULLY AVOIDED CATEGORICALLY RULING OUT DIRECT CONTROL OF THE  
MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE AND LAW AND ORDER BY BRITISH. HE WAS AT  
ONCE CRITICAL OF BRITISH RELUCTANCE ASSUME GREATER RESPONSIBILITY  
AND SUSPICIOUS OF THEIR INTENTIONS IF THEY DID. US AND UK, HE  
SAID, WANT TO SERVE THEIR OWN INTERESTS BY INSTALLING "MODERATE"  
GOVERNMENT. ZIMBABWEANS RESENT THIS. HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY  
OUTSIDERS SHOULDN'T ACCEPT WHATEVER KIND OF GOVERNMENT EMERGES IN  
ZIMBABWE. THEY HAVE LEARNED TO GET ALONG WITH MOZAMBIQUE, "RADICAL"  
AS IT IS.

4. IN SIDE REMARKS WE WERE TOLD MUGABE HAS BEEN TRAVELLING IN  
EASTERN EUROPE SINCE ADJOURNMENT OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. GUMBO HAS  
BEEN IN LONDON.  
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